

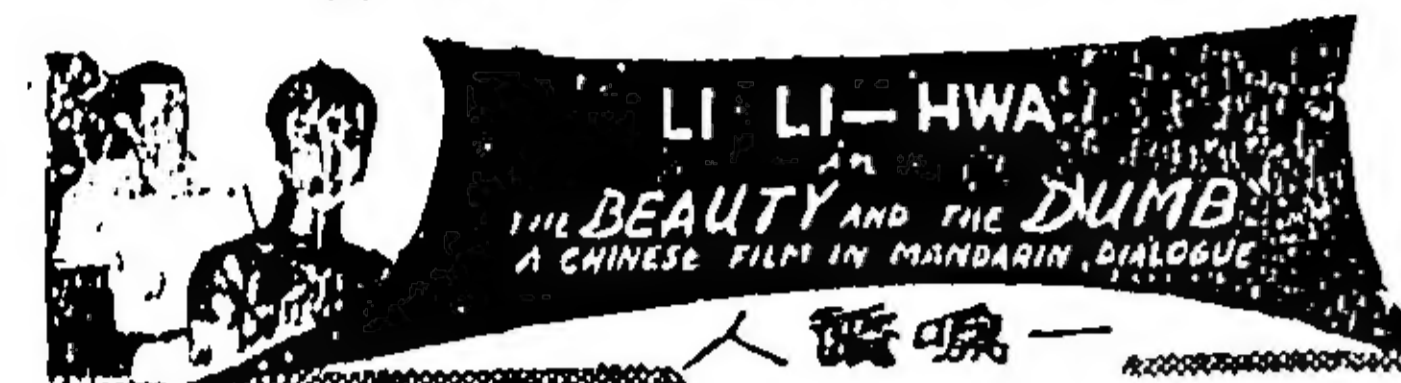
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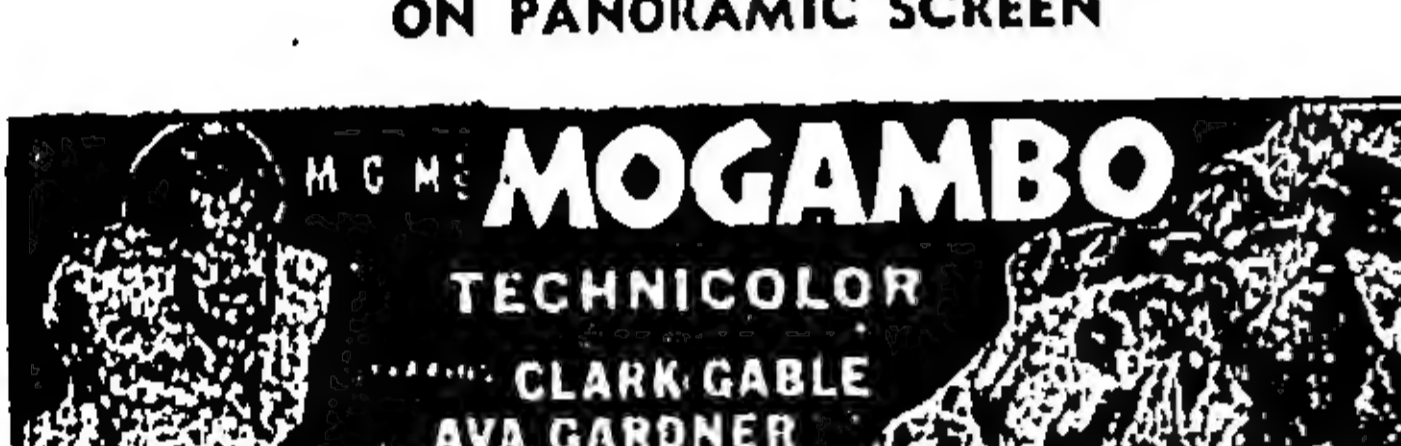


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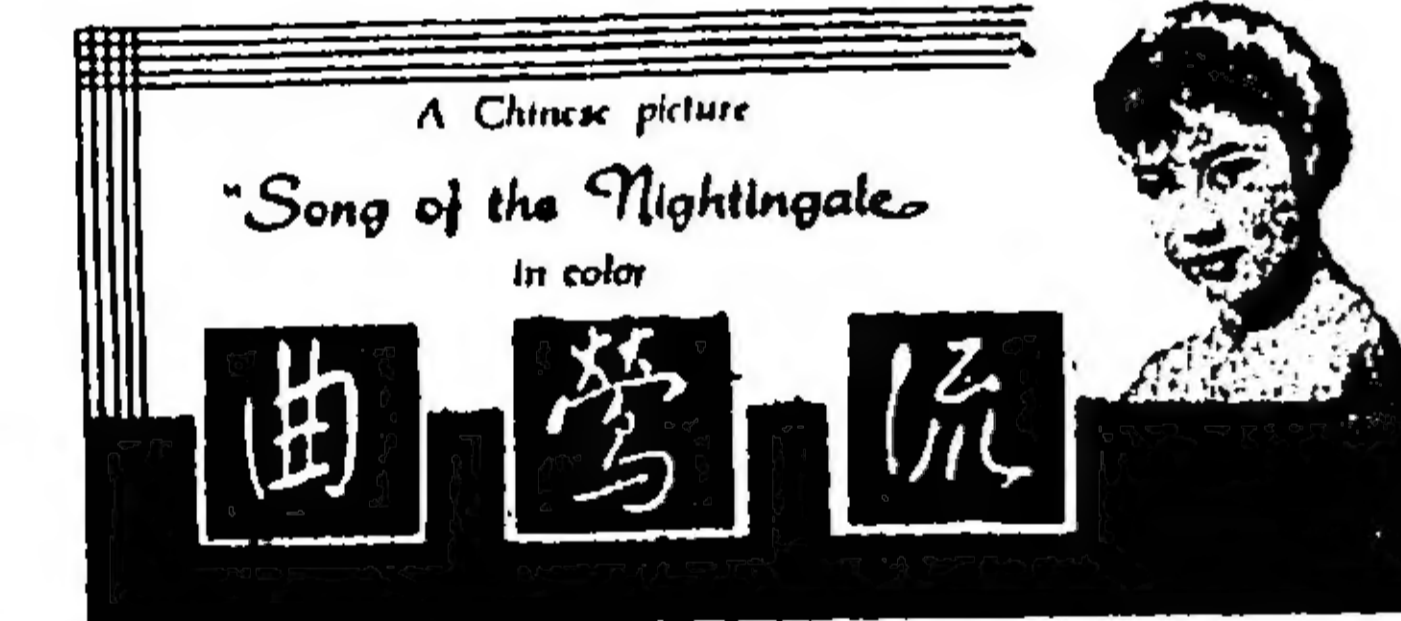
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WITNESS TO MURDER

SYRIAN PLANE INCIDENT

Move To Denounce Israel's Action In United Nations 'BANDITRY & PIRACY'

United Nations, Dec. 14.
Syria tonight reported to the United Nations Security Council the Israeli action in forcing down a Syrian airliner on Sunday and denounced it as an act of "banditry and piracy."
Syria's permanent representative to the U.N., Mr. Rafik Asha, did not ask for Security Council action at this time. But his action was a routine preliminary to such a demand whenever the Syrian-Israeli Mixed Armistice Commission has completed its investigation of the case.

INDONESIAN PREMIER WINS VOTE

Djakarta, Dec. 14.
The administration of Dr. Ali Sastroamidjojo, Prime Minister, won an important vote of confidence in the Indonesian Parliament tonight with a margin of 23 votes.

The vote culminated two weeks of debate during which Opposition Parties threatened to overthrow Dr. Sastroamidjojo's Cabinet because in their opinion it had failed in its attempt to gain Indonesian sovereignty over Dutch-controlled West New Guinea.

One hundred and fifteen members voted down an Opposition motion of confidence while Opposition Parties mustered 92 votes. Nine members abstained.

A record number of members turned out for the vote, which resulted in an endorsement of Dr. Sastroamidjojo's foreign policy patterned after India's. The vote also means Parliament's support for Dr. Sastroamidjojo's continued domestic economic measures. — United Press.

Nearly 100,000 Saved On Aust. Beaches

Sydney, Dec. 14.
Austrian lifesavers have saved 91,034 people from drowning since the inception of the Surf Life Saving Association of Australia in 1907.

During the year ended October 31, the Association received requests for equipment, handbooks, and details of administration from the United States, Israel, Trinidad, Brazil, Pakistan, Ceylon, Ireland and Korea, Secretary Ken Watson stated. — Reuter.

Hong Kong Birds

Herklotz, G. A. C. 1953.
Hong Kong Birds, Pp. 242-253, 1 pl., 8 in. in colour, numerous black-and-white drawings in text. Hong Kong: South China Morning Post, Ltd. HK\$35.00.

"... a most welcome handbook for ornithologists resident or stationed in Hong Kong. All the hitherto recorded species are included; plumages are clearly and consistently described and a short account is given of field characters, voice, habits, status, etc. The illustrations, except for three plates of photographs, are all by G. A. C. Hughes, and include four attractive plates of the birds of 45 species and many useful drawings in the text. The writer of this review would have benefited greatly from this book when stationed in Hong Kong some years ago. Even now, on referring to it, some 40 unfamiliar species on which notes were made at the time have since all proved readily identifiable." — D. W. S.

HONG KONG POST
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REGULAR FLIGHT

The Syrian note to the Security Council said that the plane was "carrying out a flight over a regular route. Apart from the crew, it had on board five passengers, including two women and a United States citizen. The incident took place at a great distance from the coast of Palestine."

Syria said the attention of all U.N. members was called to the serious nature of the act of the Israeli authorities, which constitute a flagrant violation of the provisions of the Syrian-Israeli armistice agreement. There is no rule of international public law that authorizes attacks on aircraft flying over the high seas. The principle of the freedom of sea and air navigation is universally recognized. A violation of that principle is tantamount to an act of banditry and piracy.

The Syrian note said: "The Syrian complaint against the unjustifiable actions of the Israeli authorities has been lodged with the Syrian-Israeli Mixed Armistice Commission. The serious consequences which the incident is bound to have cannot be too strongly emphasized. In any event, an urgent investigation has been requested, together with the immediate release of the aircraft, its crew and passengers." — United Press.

PLANE IN DAMASCUS

Damascus, Dec. 14.
The Syrian plane released earlier today by Israeli authorities after being forced down on Israeli territory last Sunday landed here tonight with three members of the crew and two of the original passengers—a Syrian officer and a foreign Ministry official. The other passengers had left Israel earlier.

A member of the crew said that the plane had been intercepted by Israeli fighters while flying 75 miles off the Israeli coast. — France-Press.

French N.C.O's Body In River

Saigon, Dec. 14.
The body of a French non-commissioned officer, missing since December 10, was found today, bearing 18 bayonet wounds, floating on a river near Phnom Penh, about 100 miles northeast of Saigon. The man's hands were tied behind his back.

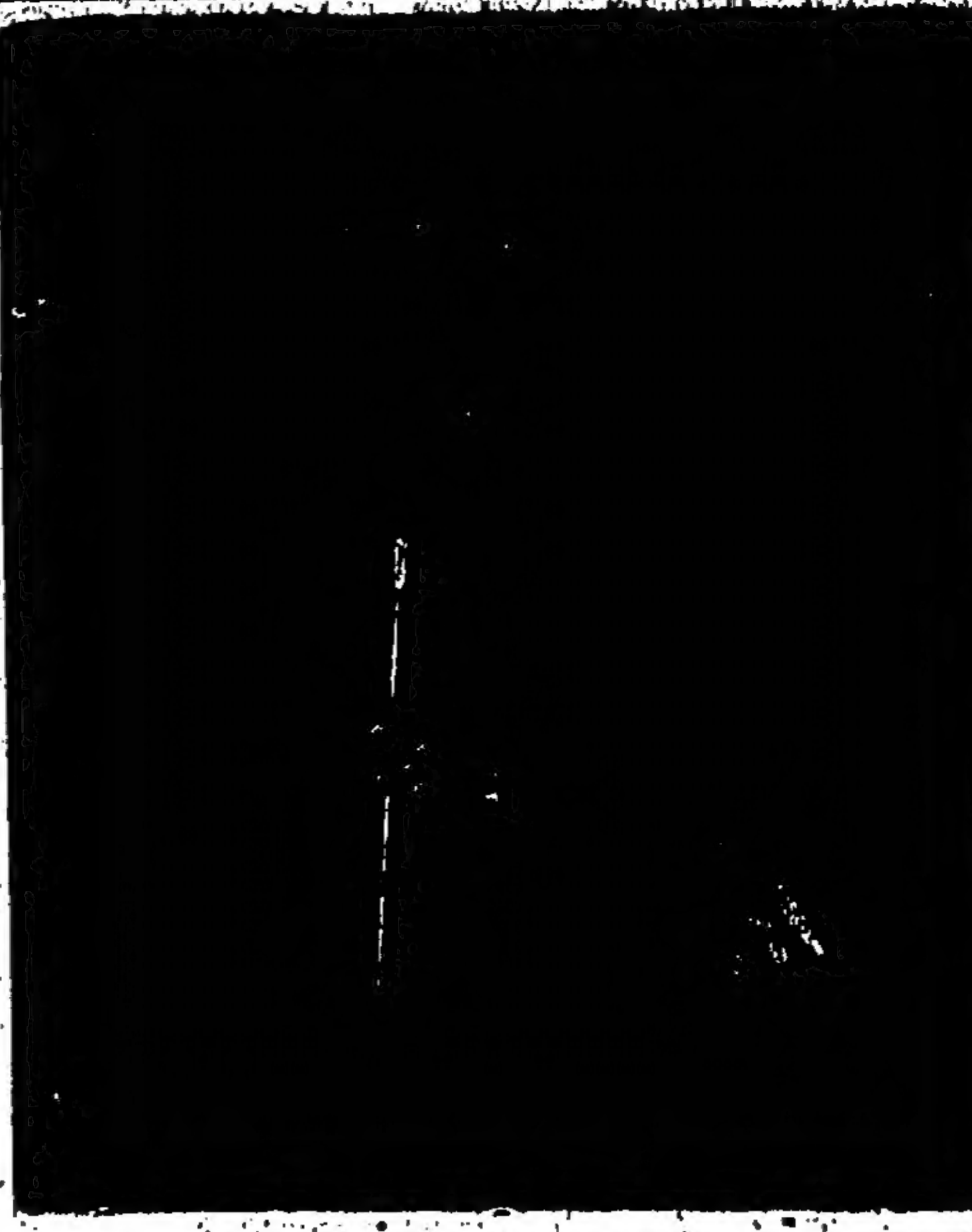
On December 10, the N.C.O. had stopped over in a Phnom Penh hotel with his Vietnamese wife. He was afterwards arrested by a Vietnamese patrol believed to have rebelled against the regular South Vietnamese Army and nothing was heard from him since. — France-Press.

Wellington, N.Z., Dec. 15.

In the past 12 months twelve New Zealand children have been burned to death while their parents were away from the homes.

Eight others have been slashed, and from the flames by hours of passing by.

Auckland fire chief, Mr. G. A. McKenna, appealed to parents not to leave children unsupervised at night. — Reuter.



The Chief Rabbi of Israel, Dr. Herzog, leaves London Airport with his wife for Canada. He will spend one week there visiting Montreal, Toronto and Ottawa in connection with the establishment in Jerusalem of a supreme religious centre. — Express Photo.

Turkish Delegate Says Enosis Is Near Anschluss

United Nations, Dec. 14.
The United Nations opened the debate on the Cyprus question today but was expected to cut it short tomorrow with passage of a resolution which would block any decision on the issue.

Greece and Turkey set forth sharply opposing views on Cyprus in lengthy addresses today before the U.N. Main Political Committee. The Greek Ambassador, Mr. Alexis Kyrou, spoke for one hour 42 minutes and the Turkish Ambassador, Mr. Selim Sarper, spoke for one hour 12 minutes.

Mr. Kyrou declared that the strategic military factors raised about Cyprus as a NATO base did not apply to the island.

NO JUSTIFICATION
"I doubt," he said, "whether strategic reasons could ever justify suppression of freedom or, to put it otherwise, whether suppression of freedom could ever be a good strategy."

But he stressed that "by restoring liberty to Cyprus the British will stay in Cyprus not as disliked rulers but as welcomed friends."

"Who is asking them to get out of Cyprus? Who asked them to get out of Greece? ... I hope I have said enough to prove that the Greek request regarding Cyprus is not directed against the British. Nor is it directed against any one else."

As to Turkish feelings, Mr. Sarper said Greece "respects the Turkish minority in Cyprus" and said they would enjoy the same freedom as all other inhabitants.

He quoted British Parliamentary statements which said there was no reason to fear Turkish resentment if Cyprus were to exercise the right of self-determination and pointed as an example to the "present condition of the Greek minority living in Istanbul and the Turkish minority in Greek Thrace."

The Turkish Ambassador, Mr. Selim Sarper, presented Turkish views on Cyprus after Mr. Kyrou outlined his case. Turkey told the United Nations that no decision on Cyprus could ever be taken fairly without Turkey's consent and charged Greece with raising an "artificially concocted uproar" with unfortunate results.

THIN DISGUISE
Mr. Sarper said the Greek case of the right of self-determination for Cyprus was a "thin disguise" for claiming the island for Greece.

He said that "giving rise to this artificially concocted uproar was... especially unfortunate at a time when the friendship and alliance that exists between Turkey, the U.K. and Greece has begun to take firm root in the minds and spirit of their respective peoples."

Mr. Sarper made the major point that the U.N. did not have jurisdiction in the matter and that it dealt with a question of domestic concern, which was also regulated by an international treaty which the U.N. could not be asked to overrule.

Mr. Sarper charged that Enosis—union with Greece—was also most equivalent to "annexation" and said the programme was kept alive by "propaganda and provocations directed from Greece" and "backed to the hilt by a certain party which has political designs that are completely foreign to the problem." — United Press.

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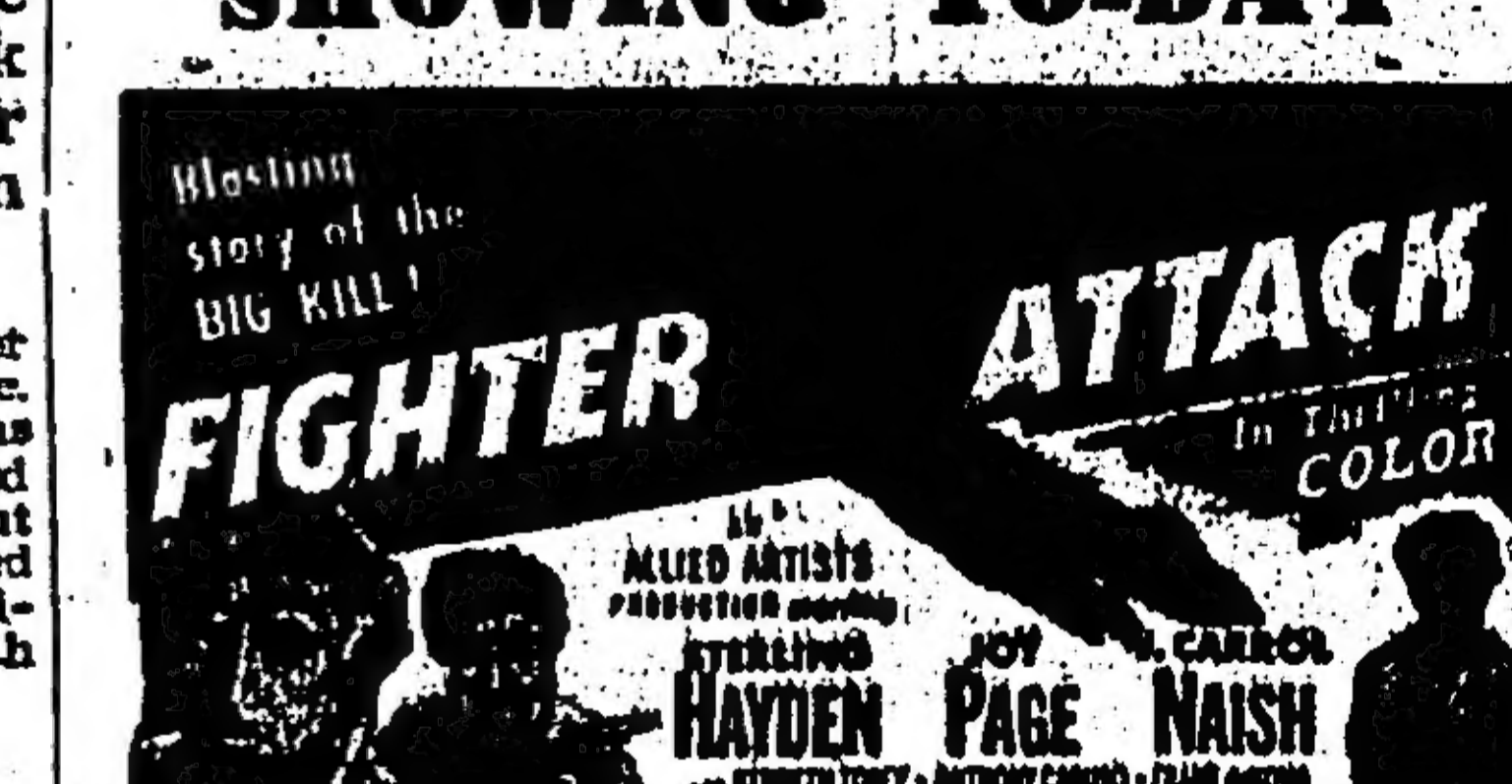
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ECONOMIC AID FOR ASIA

Congressional Opposition To Outright Gifts EISENHOWER AGREES TO CONSULT LEADERS

Washington, Dec. 14.

Congressional opposition developed today to providing the free nations of Asia large outright gifts of economic aid such as Europe received under the Marshall Plan.

The opposition was expressed as President Eisenhower sought bipartisan support for expanded economic assistance to Asia at a White House conference of Republican and Democratic Congressional leaders.

The Administration has not outlined its plan in detail, but three Congressmen said they hope it does not develop into a "give-away" programme.

Senator Richard B. Russell (Democrat) said he would vote for increased technical assistance to Asia under the Point-Program but feels that any attempt to improve the living standards of Asia's vast population with direct economic aid "is beyond our capacity."

NO DUPLICATION

Representative John M. Vorys (Republican), second-ranking Republican on the House Foreign Affairs Committee, said he opposes any plan to "duplicate the Marshall Plan for half the human race, ever there (Asia)."

Mr. Vorys, who has just returned from a five-week trip to Asia, said that he favoured loans and "self-help" projects to bolster Asia's economic front.

Representative James P. Richards (Democrat), who becomes Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee next month, also urged that aid to Asia be limited to loans or technical assistance.

The Chairman, Alexander Wiley (Republican), of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said he would support a new aid programme to Asia as "an insurance against war" but added, "I'm not in favour of a lot of careless spending."

There have been differences within the Administration on the scope of a Far Eastern aid programme.

The Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. George M. Humphrey, wants a modest programme limited to loans while the Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, and the Foreign Operations Director, Mr. Harold Stassen, have urged a more extensive programme.

Mr. Vorys said that Mr. Stassen's announcement that the Administration wants to increase economic aid to Asia has raised the hopes of Asian leaders, some of whom expect an in-

crease in direct economic grants. Mr. Vorys said that this may prove "embarrassing" to the United States.

WITHDRAWAL OF FRENCH

Mr. Vorys and Mr. Richards, who also went on the five-week Asiatic trip, called for the withdrawal of the French from Vietnam and the use of American officers to build up an effective anti-Communist military force there.

Mr. Richards said that Vietnam "is lost unless the French get out 100 per cent."

Senator Lyndon Johnson of Texas, Democratic Party leader in the Senate, said today that President Eisenhower had agreed to consult Congressional leaders at various stages of planning the programme for economic aid to Asia.

Senator Johnson told reporters after today's conference that he had suggested this to the President.

He reported that the President said this was a good idea and that it would be done.

Mr. James C. Hagerty, White House Press Secretary, was asked if this idea of advance consultation applied only to the Asian aid programme.

He replied: "I would say that it applies to all three fields mentioned in the first paragraph of our statement."

This was a reference to a statement released by the White House which began: "Today's bipartisan meeting of the leaders of both political parties in the Senate and the House of Representatives dealt with the problem of foreign affairs, national defence and mutual security."

LEADERS THANKED

The statement said that at the outset "the President thanked the leaders for accepting his invitation to discuss these subjects in advance of his submission of the State of the Union message."

The statement said that the Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, recommended that the Senate give early consideration to the ratification of the Manila pact and the mutual defence treaty with Nationalist China as well as those meetings of the London-Paris agreements dealing with the restoration of German sovereignty and the submission of that country to the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation.—United Press & Reuter.

Lost Dogs' Replacement Service

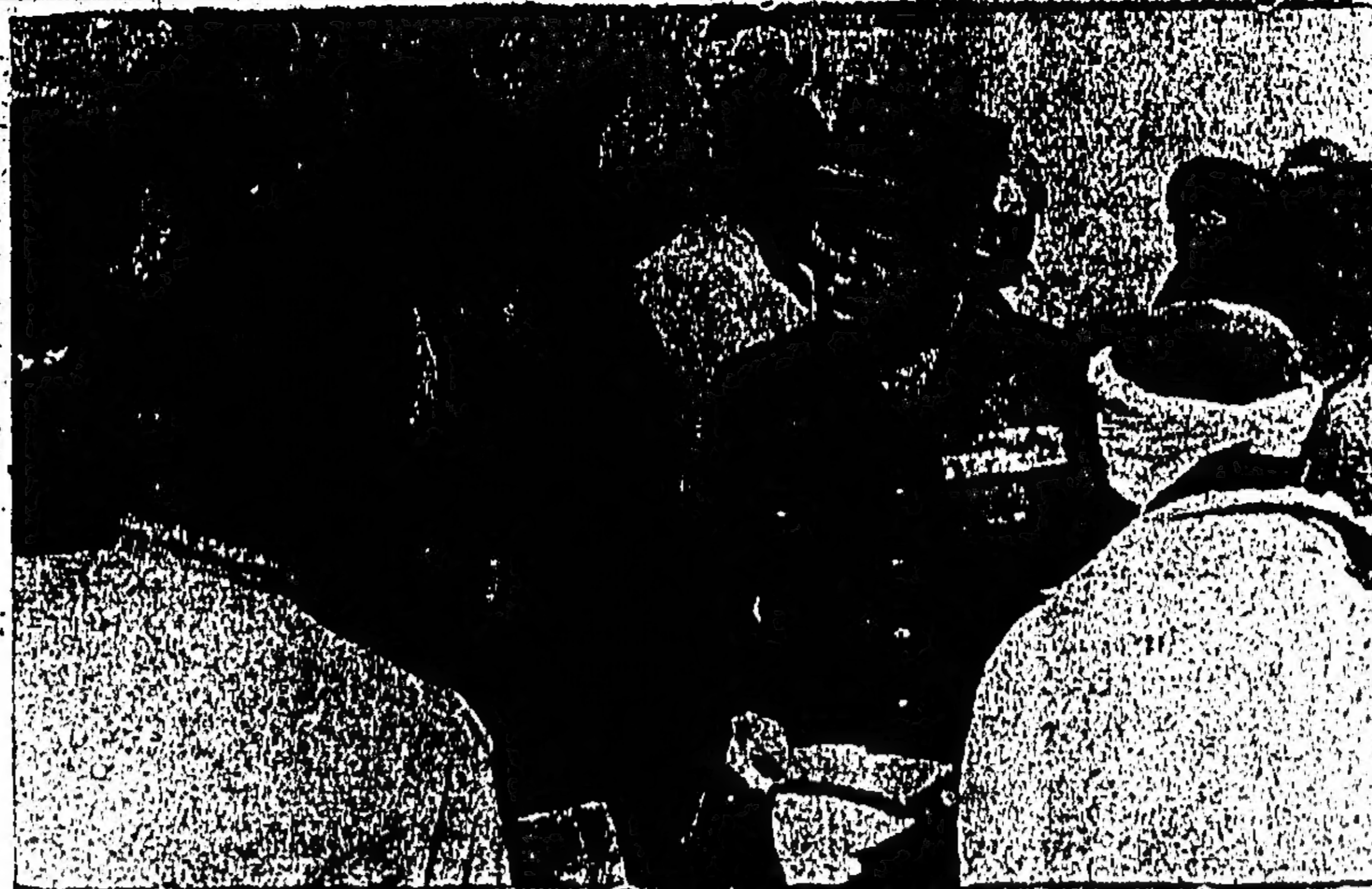
Paris, Dec. 14.

One of the biggest Parisian stores has just opened a "lost dogs department" as an added Christmas feature at the suggestion of the French Society for the Protection of Animals and the Friends of Animals Association.

Among the fine Morocco leather collars, comfortable waterproofs and chintz-upholstered for dogs, there are in the store a few cages bearing the inscription, "I, also, would be happy to find a master."

Twenty-two lost dogs have, after being examined and treated in a special home, squatted in these cages looking at the crowd with begging eyes. None has remained in them for more than 24 hours. The 22 dogs are now happy in new found keepers' homes. The new owners only had to sign a promise of good treatment and faithfulness to the task they have undertaken.—France Press.

French Governor Of Tunisia



General Boyer de la Tour, French Resident General in Tunisia, talks with native workmen while visiting some new works employing jobless natives.—Express Photo.

Possible Judicial Error In Dominici Trial

* By Pierre Doublet

Paris, Dec. 14.

Gaston Dominici, patriarch of the "Grand-terre" farm at Lure in the south of France, has been given another chance to save his life.

Charged with the triple murder of Sir Jack Drummond, his wife, Lady Anne, and their little daughter, Elizabeth, in August, 1952, Dominici was sentenced to death in the Digne court on November 28 this year.

Owing to the contradictory evidence of Gaston and other members of his family, the court was not able to establish a clear picture of the massacre, which took place at night near the "Grand-terre."

Press and public opinion in France have, since the verdict, often discussed the possibility of a judicial error and the day after receiving his sentence, Gaston Dominici gave his defence lawyers a fresh version of what happened at the "Grand-terre" on the night of the crime.

REPORTED REVELATIONS
It took the lawyers ten days to demand another hearing of the case. They presented a report on Gaston's revelations to the Justice Ministry last Thursday.

Yesterday two magistrates interviewed the accused man in his Marseilles cell for three hours and today it was officially learnt that Justice Minister Guernne Beaumont would order a new inquiry on the Drummond case.

The new inquiry is expected to open with a hearing in Marseilles or nearby Aix-en-Provence of the leading witnesses—mostly members of the Dominici "clan."

After this hearing, the case which has been handled by the Marseilles police will be handed over to the Criminal Investigation Department of the French National (Sûreté Nationale) Police, in Paris, with ace Detective Inspector Chenetier in charge, according to latest reports.

Despite all kinds of rumours, the actual content of Gaston Dominici's fresh account of the murder-night has so far remained a complete mystery.

The fact his defence lawyers considered it worthwhile to carry out a private "on the spot" investigation and then brought the matter before the Justice Ministry is an indication they considered his new testimony may alter the whole bearing of the case.

LAST CHANCE
By opening a new inquiry on this murder—one of the most sensational in French court history—the Justice Ministry would give grandfather Gaston Dominici

TEEN-AGED GANGSTERS GUILTY OF MURDER

New York, Dec. 14.

Two teen-aged members of a so-called Brooklyn Kill-for-Thrill Gang were found guilty today of first degree murder in the torture-drowning of Willard Menter last August 17.

Jack Kostow, 17, and Melvin Mittman, both 17, were convicted by an all male jury which recommended they be sentenced to life imprisonment for torturing and pushing Menter off a pier. Menter, who was intoxicated, drowned in the East River.

There were four teen-agers in the gang which "picked up" Menter, 34, and burned and beat him before he was pushed into the river. Jerome Lieberman, 17, had his case dismissed for lack of evidence and the fourth defendant, Trachtenberg, 16, turned state's evidence and will be tried separately.—United Press.

Saigon, Dec. 14.
Informed source said today that the French Commander-in-Chief in Indo-China, General Paul Ely, is scheduled to leave for Paris, to inform Premier Pierre Mendes-France of the current situation in Indo-China. He will probably leave on Thursday, the source said.—United Press.

'Uphold Freedom Of Seas Principles'

United Nations, Dec. 14.

Syria today offered a resolution calling upon U.N. members to uphold the principles of freedom of navigation on the high seas and to settle peacefully all disputes involving that freedom.

The Syrian delegate, Mr. Adib Daoudy, handed the proposal to the General Assembly's Special Political Committee, which is considering Russia's complaint accusing Nationalist China and the United States of piracy in the China Sea.

HARMONY
He said he hoped it would bring "harmony and reconciliation" into the hot debate. The Indian delegate, Mr. Arthur Lal, said he could not support any resolution condemning the parties to the dispute but might be able to support such a proposal as Syria's. The Syrian proposal mentions no country by name.

The only other proposal before the Committee is Russia's draft resolution condemning the alleged acts of piracy and calling on the U.S. Government to prevent seizure of foreign ships by the Formosan authorities.

Russia, Czechoslovakia, Poland and Byelo—Russia hurried away in today's debate at the American relationship to the Nationalist Chinese government. They contend that the United States "controls" that Government and, through the U.S. Navy and Air Force, is responsible for what happens in the China Sea.

The U.S. delegate, Mr. C. D. Jackson, said his Government "categorically and completely" rejected the accusations of the Soviet bloc. He said there were only 800 American military personnel in Formosa.

Mr. Jacob Malik of Russia insisted that the 800 were the "actual masters of Taiwan" and that the Chinese Government did everything it was "ordered" to do by American advisers.—United Press.

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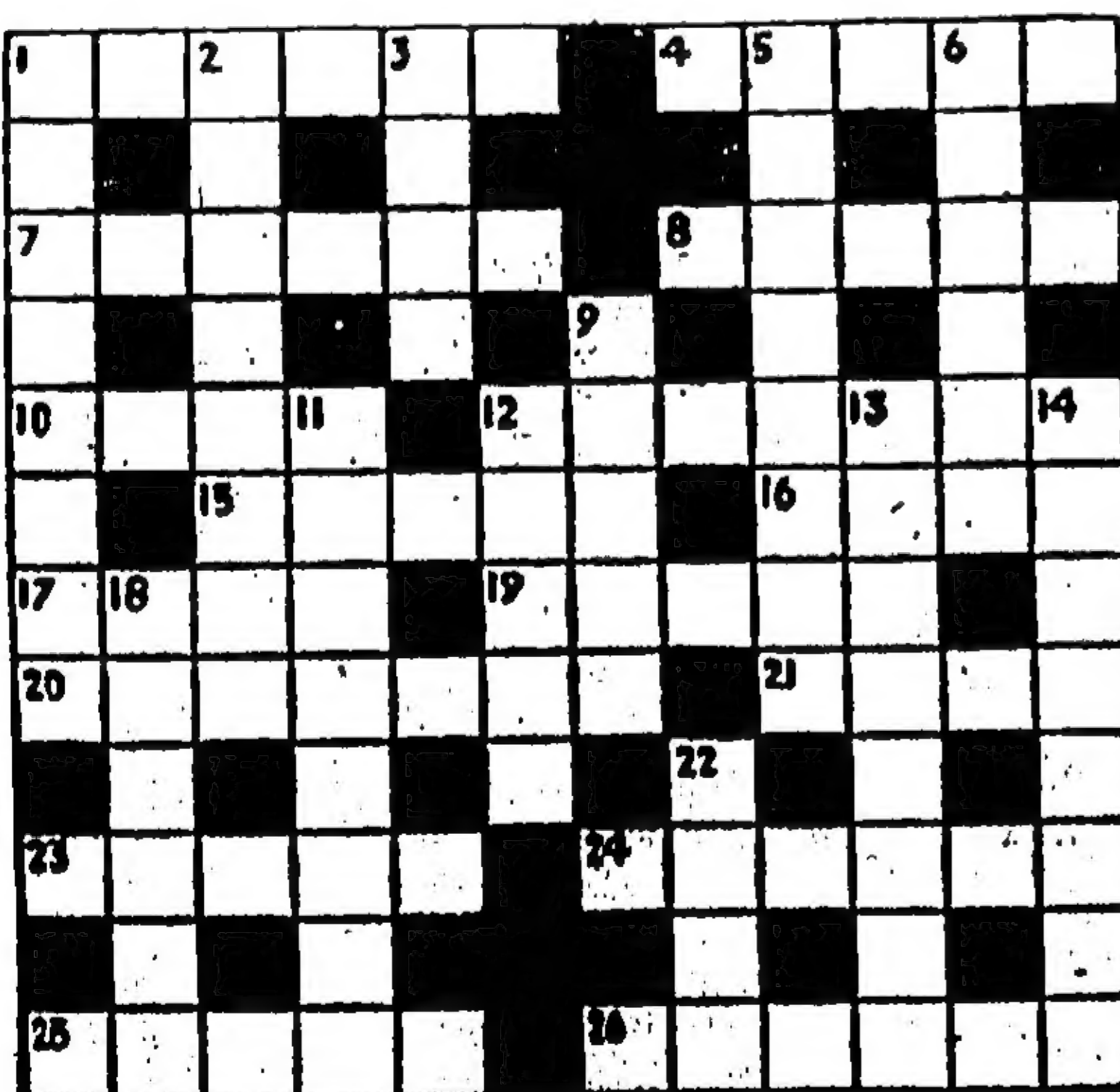
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- 1 Minister (6).
- 4 Insignificant (6).
- 7 Fruit (6).
- 8 Bunk (6).
- 10 Just (4).
- 12 Argued (7).
- 13 Tooth (6).
- 16 Kind of vetch (4).
- 17 "Let it stand" (4).
- 19 Bolt securing metal plates (5).
- 20 Mosque tower (7).
- 21 Paop (4).
- 22 Glossy material (6).
- 24 Sterile (6).
- 25 Custom (6).
- 26 Necessary (6).

DOWN

- 1 Love of peace (3).
- 2 Sample (8).
- 3 Used in rowing (4).
- 5 Exalts (8).
- 6 Walk unsteadily (6).
- 9 Worth (6).
- 11 Revolving (8).
- 12 Challenged (5).
- 13 Tagged (6).
- 14 Made lower (8).
- 15 Giants (6).
- 22 Wine (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 3 Blessing, 6 Parrot, 9 Repelled, 11 Compared, 12 Edge, 13 Debt, 15 Salon, 16 Oboe, 22 Passport, 24 Bracelet, 25 Return, 26 Desisted. Down: 1 Spect, 2 Aroma, 3 Berated, 4 Leer, 5 Speed, 6 Illude, 7 Gadget, 8 Poet, 14 Banish, 16 Toasted, 17 Forbid, 18 Myster, 20 Bogus, 21 Stupe, 23 Penn, 25 Bone.

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer

By Robert L. May



JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Look At the Cards
Then Decide Play

By OSWALD JACOBY

"How should South play the accompanying hand?" asks a San Francisco correspondent. West opened the king of diamonds, continued with the jack of diamonds, and then led the ten of diamonds at the third trick.

South ruffed the third diamond in his hand, discarding the jack of clubs from the dummy. He considered an immediate finesse of dummy's jack of hearts, but decided instead to play the ace and king of trumps. This turned out to be fatal.

If declarer then led a third trump, West would win with the queen and lead another diamond. Dummy would run out of trumps, and West would win a second trick and two more diamonds. And if declarer abandoned trumps, West would eventually make two trump tricks to set the contract.

Some of the kibitzers (there are many of this species in San Francisco, and we will back their judgment against the best that the East can produce) argued that South should have begun the trumps by finessing the jack. Is this correct?

An immediate finesse would work, of course, as the cards lie. After all, a kibitzer doesn't have to recommend a line of play until he has seen all of the cards, and he shouldn't make many mistakes under these conditions.

If you happen to be playing the hand without the advantage of seeing all the cards, the best

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AKJ10			
85			
AKQJ			
WEST (D) EAST			
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Q864		764	
AKQJ103		9762	
K4			
SOUTH			
Q85			
9752			
92			
10853			
North-South vul.			
1 Double Pass		1 Pass	
2 Pass		4 Pass	
Opening lead—K			

play is neither to finesse nor to lay down the ace and king of trumps. You should lead a trump to dummy's ace and then return the jack of trumps. This loses to the queen, of course, but it leaves a trump in your own hand and two trumps in the dummy.

As the cards lie, West wins with the queen of trumps but cannot gain by leading another diamond. You would ruff a diamond in your own hand, get to dummy with a club, and claim the rest. If West returns anything but a diamond, you can draw trumps and get to your hand with a spade to take the marked club finesse.

The trouble with taking an immediate trump finesse is that West may have two, three, or four small trumps and a void in spades. East would win the first trump trick and return a spade, whereupon the contract would be defeated by the ruff.

Most of this danger is avoided by the recommended line of play; and this play also guards against the actual danger of four trumps to the queen in the West hand.

CARD SENSE

Q—With neither side vulnerable, the bidding has been:
South West North East
1 Spade Pass 2 Clubs 2 Dnds.
3
You, South, hold: Spades A-K-Q-J-9-7-5, Hearts K-8, Diamonds 7, Clubs K-8-3. What do you do?

A—Bid four spades. This violent jump to game shows a very strong suit and a good hand, but it indicates that the first move towards slam must come from your partner. If he has two or more aces, he will make a slam try; and with fewer than two aces, even though he may have a good hand, he will just pass four spades.

Answer Tomorrow

DUMB BELLS

HER HUSBAND TERRIBLE
I NEVER KNEW HE DRANK
HOW I NEVER KNEW HE DRANK



YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15

BORN today, you are a natural scholar, with the additional talent for imparting your knowledge. You have a high artistic quality which might fit you for the church. You are able to present your ideas fully, both in speech and in writing, and are accurate and painstaking in gathering your material. Exacting in detail, you have a pleasing personality which makes you popular with everyone and causes everyone to forget that you are a harsh taskmaster with others, as well as with yourself. You are to a high degree, a perfectionist and want only the best.

While your memory for facts is excellent, you sometimes have difficulty in recalling the names of people. You are, actually, inclined to be somewhat absent-minded about the everyday things of life, for you get so wrapped up in the execution of an idea, that your attention is on it, alone. But when

MAGNETAR (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Humane is definitely not for you today. Be extremely cautious, lest you get involved in a quarrel. CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—You will be able to fight successfully against any obstacle which crosses your path today. AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Better for you to make any important decisions at this time. Normal routine proves more rewarding. PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)—Postpone things that are really important until tomorrow. Consider everything carefully, make no decisions. ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Diplomacy goes tactical persuasion will be of more avail today, than aggressive forcefulness. TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Stay clear of romantic entanglements which you may regret later on. Be very sure, before you commit yourself.

BY THE WAY... by Beachcomber

FROM tomorrow onwards this column will be printed by the new stereophonic process. The words will seem to be all round, coming at you from every side, like the Kippakawee Indians when the golden-haired schoolteacher from the deep South is captured in Dead Man's Canyon. But—hardly has Big Chief Laughing Horse shot a flaming arrow into the neighbouring fort, setting Captain Trudgson's hat on fire, when out crawls Lootenant Scape from behind a rock. He shoots down the nearest 43 Indians, and rescues the gal, who says, "Middy obliged to yew-all, lootenant."

Prodrome: Have you not strayed from the subject? Myself: Wild Sam Beachcomber rides again! Yippe!

So I shot the sheriff

As I kicked open the swinging doors of the saloon silence fell on the bar-room. Card-players, quick on the draw, looked at me sideways. Lindy Lou, in a glittering gown, smiled her mysterious smile. The sheriff came towards me. I shot him dead. The barman turned to go. I shot him dead. Two bad men stole up behind me. I ducked and shot them dead, backwards, through my legs. A card-player threw a knife. I caught it by the handle. "Guide a guy!" said Lindy Lou, smiling up to me. Seizing her, I sprang through an upper window on to the back of my horse, and rode away into the mountains. There the posse found me and hanged me from a tree. It's a wonder I'm alive to tell the tale. But that's just big Sam Beachcomber's way.

Go on, measure it!

THE demand for volunteers to "measure smoke" over London may lead to misunderstandings. Only trained smoke-measuremen should apply. Eager souls with tape-measures will only be in the way, and will contribute nothing to the Statistical Survey to be published later on. Smoke is measured by a fumometer fixed to the undercarriage of a balloon. The unit of smoke is a vom, and 80 vomes go to a cubic yard. Density and weight are registered on a luminous dial, and a clock-meshed nut-valve separates the particles of soot. Wind-velocity plays an important part in the movements of smoke, and the measuremen should work downwind. For any further information, apply to Fog House, S.W.3, and ask for Agathe Dumencil de la Guille de Mervevolle, Nougat Queen of Montelmar (Drome), who is in London on a shopping expedition.

Marginal note

THE report of a plan to modify the penalties imposed on a footman who has been caught with a cigarette in his mouth, and a waiter who has been caught with a glass of wine in his hand, is a most interesting one. It happens, if someone remained

CROSSWORD



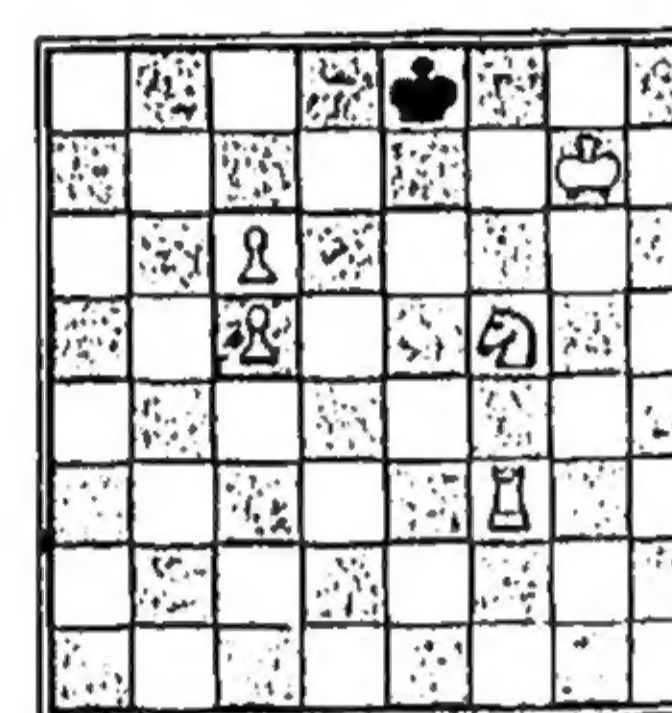
Across
1. Is help to get you places. (6)
2. A class of 15 listening? (6)
3. Dens too—with a little avian, the result is lured on. (7)
4. A man sent here. (9)
5. Americans think highly of a man sent here. (9)
6. The negative hidden there, in other words. (6)
7. Didn't abstract one of the family. (4)
8. Part of the lime. (8)
9. Transport was on its way here. (6)
10. Unusual—and undercooked. (8)
11. Lady who gave her firearm. (6)
12. They're apt to be blamed for our weather. (8)

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1. Are these the leaders of the fortune tellers? (6)
2. If you're this it may show in your handwriting. (7)
3. Let there be a day, as the month for it. (4)
4. Sounds as if the race meeting was decided. (6)
5. French and Charles in short. (6)
6. If there's one too many, maybe the bus won't start. (7)
7. Let's be in mischief from the start, but there are still things to believe in. (8)
8. Bona fide of the north. (4)
9. Holders. (6)
10. Long the woodwind! (4)
11. Low tide. (4)
12. Wrinkle. (4)

SOLUTION TO CHECK YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

CHESS PROBLEM

By E. ZEPHER
Black, 1 piece.



White, 5 pieces.
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Solution to yesterday's problem:
1. Kc-Kt5, any; 2. Q. R. Kt, or P. mate.

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VITAL STATISTICS OF

THE AVERAGE MISS FRANCE

THE high fashion experts of Paris appeared to have been shooting in the dark with their "new look," "flat look" and any other kind of "look."

It seems they really haven't known the true dimensions of the women for whom they allegedly were creating the classic styles of the great Paris salons.

For, since 1911, there had been no really scientific survey of the measurements of the average Frenchwoman.

But that now has been corrected, for Mademoiselle Suzanne De Felice has just come up with a comprehensive survey of the French female's vital statistics.

Mlle. De Felice has submitted to the Academy of Science a 350-page thesis for a doctor of philosophy degree titled "Research on the Anthropology of French Women."

The work represents six and a half years of effort, and it covers everything that is worth knowing about the fact, form and figure of the average Miss France since 1911.

The conclusion is that the long, low wolf-whistle is justified in ogling the French female chassis.

Aristocratic Fingers

Mlle. De Felice says that Miss France is an average five feet three inches tall and weighs 123 pounds.

The weight is elegantly distributed. Bustwise, Miss France ranges from "medium" to "ample" to "magnificent."

Her waist is narrow and her hips are rather broad. Her legs and arms are of average length, her fingers long, slim and aristocratic. Her fingernails—in natural state—vary in shade from local pink to deep rose.

Household Hint

The side of a party board that is used for rolling dough should not be used for cutting purposes or any purpose that will damage the smooth surface. Never leave such a board soaking in water because moisture will raise the grain of the wood and so roughen the board.

A LINEN OUTFIT



This outfit in beige Irish linen was specially designed by Matli for the Royal Show.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Here's a Riddle for You

—Knarf and Hanid Guessed Two Answers—

By MAX TRELL

HANID, the shadow-girl with the turned-about name, looked all around the house for her brother Knarf. Finally she found him sitting way up in the attic behind an old trunk.

"Knarf, what are you doing up here?"

"Pondering Over A Riddle"

She was surprised to hear another voice answering: "Let him alone, Hanid! He's thinking!"

To her surprise, she found it was Mr. Punch. He was sitting on the other side of the trunk in the deep shadows.

"Thinking?" said Hanid to Mr. Punch. "What's he thinking about?"

"A riddle," said Mr. Punch. "Oh," said Hanid.

"It's a very hard riddle," said Mr. Punch. "I've been thinking about it since early this morning. Now it's night time, and I still haven't got the answer. Knarf hasn't got the answer either."

Knarf, who hadn't said a word, now guessed: "I'll guess it by and by." Then he fell silent again.

Here Hanid said that she would like to hear the riddle. "I'd like to try to guess it."

"Well," said Mr. Punch, "there's nothing like trying."

Then he spoke the riddle out loud:

Now I'm an O,
Now I'm a C,
I'm seen by U,
What can I be?

Hard to Solve

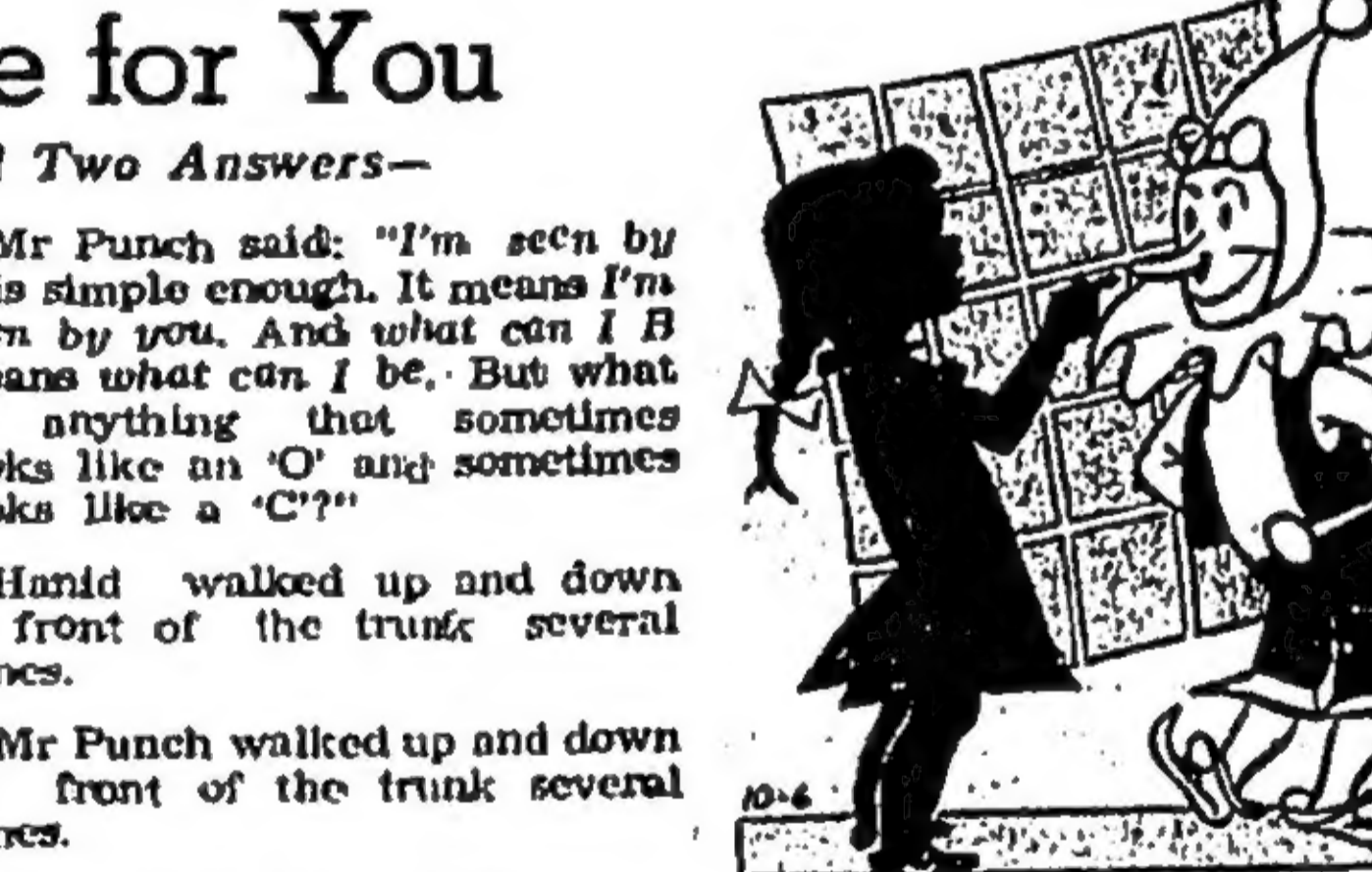
"My, that's a hard riddle, isn't it?" Hanid said.

"It certainly is," said Mr. Punch.

Hanid repeated to herself:

Now I'm an O,
Now I'm a C,
I'm seen by U,
What can I be?

She kept repeating this line a sort of mumble over and over again.



Mr. Punch said: "I'm seen by U is simple enough. It means I'm seen by you. And what can I be. But what is anything that sometimes looks like an 'O' and sometimes looks like a 'C'?"

Hanid walked up and down in front of the trunk several times.

Mr. Punch walked up and down in front of the trunk several times.

But Knarf kept silently sitting and silently thinking on him alone. Hanid! He's thinking!

"Well," said Hanid, "I can think of several things that look like 'O' and several things that look like 'C'. A rubber ball looks like the 'O'."

"Yes," said Mr. Punch. "And a sickle looks like 'C'."

"And a penny looks like 'O'," said Hanid.

"A bent nail looks like 'C'," said Mr. Punch.

Hanid looked out at the dark sky with the clouds flying across the face of the moon. "And so does the moon look like an 'O'," she said.

Knarf suddenly let out a shout. "The moon! That's the answer!"

David quickly explains something of their adventure in the cave and John is thrilled. "You must show me the entrance to that tunnel," he cries. "I'll be right with you," says David. "I'll go on ahead and tell you what I find. I expect you'll catch me up." He runs across the cliff-top line in time to meet Mr. Knarf. "I've been looking for you," says David. "I've been looking for you," says David. "I've been looking for you," says David.

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1954.

Bailey Case Again Adjourned

The Bailey case at the Criminal Sessions was once more adjourned this morning when after a short hearing the accused, Albert Francis Bailey, asked for time to take four more documents to Court.

Mr Justice Reynolds child Bailey, saying that time and again the hearing had to be adjourned because he had not prepared his case.

Apologizing, Bailey remarked: "I am not used by choice. I asked for four weeks to prepare my defence and I was rushed here in two weeks."

ADJOURNMENT GRANTED

The Judge then said he would adjourn the case to 2 p.m. tomorrow and would grant no more adjournment for Bailey to prepare his documents.

Bailey, 33, merchant, is charged with three counts of libel. He is alleged to have maliciously published defamatory libels in the form of letters to Messrs P. H. Sin, Y. H. Chan and S. K. Yee.

Mr Arthur Hooton, Q.C. Solicitor-General, and Mr D. N. E. Rea, Crown Counsel, are prosecuting, assisted by Det. Insp. R. Duman.

Bailey is conducting his own defence.

DOCUMENTS NOT USED

In evidence to support his plea of justification, Bailey declared that some documents which should have been used in an appeal brought by him were not used.

Referring to a letter he wrote to Mr Chan on September 24, 1953, Bailey said this was the first hint that he really became suspicious and he asked Mr Chan for the actual documents, not copies.

"Suspicious of Mr Chan?" asked the Judge.

"Suspicious of documents which should be used were not used and that there was some story behind it. Until this time I was entirely unaware that Mr Chan had not got these documents," said Bailey.

He said that the actual account of this matter was very long and involved many cases.

New Appeal Against German Rearmament

Vienna, Dec. 14.

The Prime Minister of Czechoslovakia, Mr Vilem Siroky, today appealed to the peoples of Britain, France, Belgium, Italy and the United States not to allow West Germany to be rearmend, Prague Radio reported.

The Health Minister, Father Josef Fojt, alleged that on October 23 West Germany and America signed an agreement which, after ratification of the Paris pact, would entitle Germany to claim the Sudetenland and other East European territories.

Both men were speaking at a mass protest meeting in Prague which, according to the radio, was attended by the Czechoslovak President, Antonin Zapotocky, the entire Cabinet and diplomatic representatives of the Communist bloc.

"Peoples must stand up and resist the revival of German militarism," Mr Siroky said. "The Paris agreements are meant to revive the Nazi robots."

"The West is trying to rebuild an army composed of the occupiers and torturers of all European peoples," he said. These military preparations were directed not only against the peace-loving democratic nations but also against all peace-loving peoples in the West.

The Czechoslovak National Assembly unanimously voted full support for the Government's policy after a debate today and passed a unanimous vote of confidence, Prague Radio said tonight.

The vote followed a policy declaration yesterday by Mr Siroky. President Zapotocky delivered the closing speech, today.

The Assembly also expressed approval of the Czechoslovak delegation's work at the recent Moscow conference of European security and of the declaration drawn up at its close.

Ambassador's Warning On Sale Of U.S. Farm Surpluses

New York, Dec. 14.

The British Ambassador, Sir Roger Makins, said today he feared a new United States law might increase the "thorny problem" of the disposal of agricultural surpluses.

Under this law, the agricultural trade development and assistance act, he said, the United States Government was negotiating with various countries for the sale of surplus commodities against payments of local currency. This, the United States would use in various ways, some in the nature of aid and others going to meet United States purchases and obligations abroad.

He declared: "It will be clear that if the United States uses the local currency acquired by the sale of agricultural surpluses to meet bills which it would otherwise have had to pay in dollars, the foreign countries will get no benefit from the transaction. In fact it is losing freedom of choice in spending dollars it would otherwise have received."

The British Ambassador was addressing the annual meeting of the Farm Bureau Federation, largest farmers association in the United States, on the impact of agricultural policies on international relations.

The danger, he said, was that such special sales of farm commodities might displace normal commercial sales and that the new law did not provide specifically that the "usual marketings of other friendly countries should also be safeguarded."

"In spite of assurances which have been given by countries which already fear the effect of the disposal of United States surpluses, are excusably ready to look upon this difference as a danger signal," Sir Roger Makins declared.

The Ambassador added: "We must expand the volume of our mutual trade and this means free trade and ultimately converting currencies."

DEPENDS ON U.S.

If the West was to preserve its military strength and cohesion, it must increase its economic stability, he said. Success depended largely on the policies of the United States, which commanded one fifth of the trade and half the production of the free world.

"It was an American statesman who suggested recently that the struggle between the East and West was shifting to a phase of economic competition," the Ambassador went on. "It is for this reason that the impact of agricultural surpluses and national affairs is going to increase, not diminish, in the months ahead."

First Lord Defends The Carriers

London, Dec. 14.

The First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr J. P. L. Thomas, said today the Royal Navy believes "the aircraft carrier has a future as firm as any airfield."

Mr Thomas added to criticism of Lord Montgomery by top American naval officials for his remark during his recent visit to the United States that the aircraft carrier had no future. It was said shortly before the U.S. launched the carrier Forrestal.

Mr Thomas told a lunch meeting of businessmen "there have been some statements by a very distinguished Field Marshal who has given his views on the war at sea and opposite number in America has said very pungent things which he feels about those views."

The civilian head of the Royal Navy said aircraft carriers—including heavy ones—"are an indispensable part of the Navy's preparations to meet its essential task of war."

"Lack of airfields may again necessitate much of the army's aid support being carrier based," Mr Thomas said. "If so far I have seemed to lay stress upon the carrier it is because we believe that the carrier has a future as firm as any airfield."

"With their great mobility they are formidable threats to the enemy," he said. "United States."

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"It's getting near Christmas, Joe—see if these letters to my girl friends are cool enough so they won't expect expensive gifts!"

Governor's Advice To Police At Annual Review

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, G.C.M.G., declared at the 8th annual Police Review and Inspection at Happy Valley this morning that the Police must be "tenacious of keeping the confidence of the public."

He told them: "You must be efficient, you must not be arrogant, nor be a bully, but a friend. This is a great responsibility, for power corrupts, and you are in a position of power." At the parade, in which representatives of all Police branches were present as well as the Police Reserve and three Police officers were awarded the Colonial Police Medal for meritorious service.

They were Mr George Leys, Acting Senior Superintendent of Police; Mr Alexander Fearn Cochrane, Acting Assistant Superintendent of Police; and Sub-Inspector Louis Tam. The Band of the Hongkong Police, under the direction of Mr W. B. Foster, A.R.C.M., was in attendance.

EFFICIENCY NEEDED

His Excellency said: "In the four months when I was away from Hongkong you were not under my eye, but you remained under the eye of the public all the time, and the Police are probably more under the public eye than any other Government officers." "In a free country such as is Hongkong one can largely judge, whether or not the Police Force is good, by the confidence that the public places in it. The public demand not only efficiency, but also friendliness and an absence of corruption."

"In a totalitarian state you may get efficiency, but the police are feared. They are the enemies not the friends of the people. In a free country you may have a friendly force, but an inefficient force. Such a force would not have the confidence of the public; in fact it would be despised."

"In Hongkong our force has both the confidence and admiration of the public and it is generally regarded as the friend of the people. If that were not so

why is it that in the past year the number of reports in which no criminal offence was disclosed was double the number that were made in the previous year? This type of report is only made when the police are regarded by the people as their friends."

PUBLIC CONFIDENCE

"You must be tenacious of keeping the confidence of the public. You must be efficient, you must not be arrogant, nor be a bully, but a friend. This is a great responsibility, for power corrupts, and you are in a position of power. Do not abuse that power. Always be courteous."

"I am glad to learn that the Auxiliaries—the Police Reserve and the Special Constabulary—go from strength to strength. This year more than 1,300 of them will have attended the 14 days' course at the Police Training School. The Police Reserve attended for the first time. This is splendid, and is bound to increase efficiency."

"I know that you of the Auxiliaries have had a heavy year. The demands that are made on you seem to grow all the time. This is a continuing challenge which you will, I know, continue to meet as you have done in the past."

"I say to you all; you serve the public of Hongkong extremely well, and I know also that the people of Hongkong are proud of their Police Force as I am, and I am very proud of it."

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15
By Air: Thailand, Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain, & Europe, 8 a.m.; Japan, 6 p.m.; Indonesia, 5 p.m.
By Surface: Thailand, Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain, & Europe, 8 a.m.; Japan, 6 p.m.; Indonesia, 5 p.m.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16
By Air: Thailand, Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain, & Europe, 8 a.m.; Japan, 6 a.m.; Philippines, 5 p.m.; U.S.A. & Canada, 1 p.m.; Philippines, N. Borneo, 9 p.m.

Taxi-Driver Tells Court Of Alleged Hold-up By Young British Soldier

A taxi-driver's story of an alleged hold-up by a British serviceman was related before Judge A. D. Scholes in the Victoria District Court this morning, when L/Cpl Peter Ashman, 21, of 20 Field Regiment, R.A., 'Sek Kong, appeared for trial on a charge of robbery with aggravation. He is accused of robbing Ng Kim, 47, taxi-driver, of 43 Kong Ming Street, ground floor, of \$18 while armed with a knife at Little Saiwan on November 7.

Ashman pleaded not guilty and is defended by Mr Terence Shurlock on the instructions of the Army Legal Services Department.

The Prosecution was conducted by Mr W. A. Blair-Kerr, Senior Crown Counsel, assisted by Det. Sub-Inspector Wang Shuchung, of Shaikwan CID.

Ng Kim said he had been employed as a taxi-driver by the Yellow Taxi Company for six years. He was a married man with two children. On November 7 he was on duty from 4.30 p.m. until 2 a.m. on November 8.

About 10.35 p.m. on November 7 he was travelling along Des Voeux Road Central, and when he approached Rumsey Street, by the Wing On Company, he was signalled to stop by the accused, who was dressed in civilian clothes. Accused told witness to drive to Cape Collinson, and witness proceeded in that direction.

When reaching a piece of vacant ground at the junction of Little Saiwan Road and Cape Collinson Road, accused ordered witness to stop, but witness suspected something might happen and refused to stop.

He continued on to Cape Collinson where the road ended in a cul-de-sac. There was nobody there. Witness told accused to alight, but accused replied he wanted to "alight up there."

SAW KNIFE

Witness thereupon turned around and drove back to the same road junction. Here accused told witness to stop. Witness did so and accused alighted. Witness then saw accused pointing a knife (identified in Court) at him. Accused told witness to "come out." When witness obeyed, accused continued "Money, money."

Realising he was the victim of a hold-up, witness took out some banknotes from a breast-pocket and handed it over as he was afraid the accused might stab him if he refused.

Witness was holding the taxi's ignition key in his hand and accused took this from him. Accused then ordered witness to turn around and walk down the road. Witness walked some yards along the dark road and then hid himself in some bushes and kept accused under observation. He heard an attempt being made to start the car, but the engine refused to respond.

Feeling that accused would not be able to get the car going, witness made his way to the RAF Station at Little Saiwan. There he secured the help of two RAF men and they accompanied him back to the road junction in a car. They found the taxi had been moved and lying cross-wise in the road with the front bumper against the hillside.

SPOTTED ACCUSED

An approaching car appeared and the RAF men questioned the driver. Witness and the RAF men then continued down the road towards Little Saiwan. Witness and the RAF men spotted the accused walking ahead. The car overtook accused and he was taken into custody by the RAF men.

Accused was taken to Chaiwan police post. On arrival there accused took out some banknotes from a pocket and threw them on a table. Witness informed the RAF men the accused had a knife.

One of the RAF men searched accused and witness saw him find a knife from somewhere in the lower region of one of accused's legs.

At the time he stopped at the junction of Little Saiwan Road and Cape Collinson Road, said witness, his taxi meter read \$12.50. Witness had approximately \$18 in his possession.

Cross-examined by Mr Shurlock, who asked witness why he had not stopped when first ordered to do so by accused, witness replied that the spot was uninhabited and nobody ever got off there. He was aware that other taxi-drivers had been robbed in lonely roads and he suspected something similar might happen.

ALLEGED GUILTY PLEA

Sub-Insp Wong, Sir-chung said that when he charged and cautioned the accused, Ashman said "I plead guilty," in reply. Witness was also handed a spring knife and \$18 by PC 4355 Kan Hin-long.

On the afternoon of November 8, witness took a ride in the taxi from Rumsey Street to Cape Collinson and then back to the junction where the alleged hold-up had occurred.

The taxi meter read 12 miles and fare \$12.50. The taxi went on to RAF Station, Little Saiwan and the meter registered another dollar.

The trial is proceeding.

Governor Attends 'Hiawatha' Concert

The Hongkong Singers, under the direction of their President, Dr L. T. Ride, presented the choral work, "Hiawatha's Wedding Feast" at the Great Hall of the Hongkong University last night.

The performance was attended by His Excellency the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, who is the Patron of the Singers.

Taken from the poem by Longfellow, the music was written by English composer Coleridge-Taylor. Admission to the concert, which was broadcast direct over Radio Hongkong, was free, but contributions by the audience were accepted. The entire proceeds were devoted to help in the work of St Dunstan's for the blind.

In a short introductory talk, Professor Edmund Blunden, Professor of English at the University, described the effect of the lines on the youthful mind of a contemporary poet. The whole speech was printed in the programme of the concert.

Fined \$100

Ho Tung, 48-year-old master of a fishing junk, was fined \$50 or one month's imprisonment for breach of his junk licence conditions and \$20 or seven days for having dangerous goods by Mr C. C. Chan, a magistrate, this morning.

The magistrate said that while on patrol on Tuesday morning, he saw the junk, which was carrying a large quantity of fireworks, and that it was in a dangerous condition. He ordered the master to stop the junk and to have the fireworks removed. The master refused to do so and the magistrate issued a warrant for his arrest.

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